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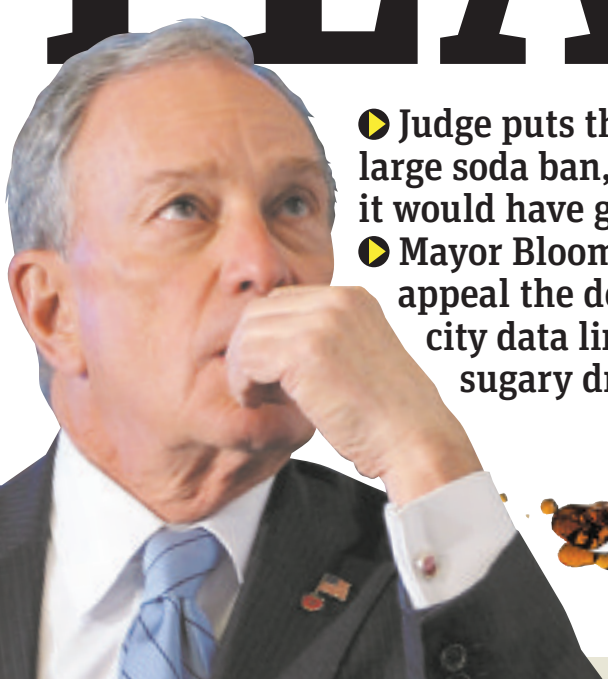

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Judge forbids Bloomberg from implementing soda ban

Supreme Court judge permanently restrains the city from enforcing soda ban ● Mayor Bloomberg vows to appeal ● Would a ban effect poorest people the most?

A New York Supreme Court judge has ruled that the city cannot enforce the soda ban that was set to take effect today.

Judge Milton Tingling ordered that the city is "enjoined and permanently restrained from implementing or enforcing the new regulations," on the grounds that they are "fraught with arbitrary and capricious consequences."

The mayor's office quickly tweeted that they plan to appeal the decision as soon as possible, and "are confident the measure will ultimately be upheld."

Speaking at a press conference later in the day, Mayor Michael Bloomberg vowed to appeal, saying the city believed the judge's decision was "an error."

"There are many, many instances where a lower court decision has gone against us and then been reversed," Bloomberg said. "We're confident that today's decision will ultimately be reversed, too." Chris Gindlesperger at the American Beverage Association, one of the co-plaintiffs opposing the city in the lawsuit, said the ruling "provides a sigh of relief to New Yorkers and thousands of small businesses in New York City."

With this ruling behind us, we look forward to collaborating with city leaders on solutions that will have a meaningful and lasting impact on the people of New York City," Gindlesperger said.

Former Comptroller and 2013 mayoral candidate Bill Thompson was quick to respond as well, calling the soda ban "a cosmetic solution to a complex problem."

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▶ A New York Supreme Court judge has stopped the soda ban from going into effect.

Measuring cups

- An earlier report from the Daily News said that the Department of Health would be using "specially ordered" measuring cups to enforce the soda ban.
- The Department of Health did not respond when asked how much was spent on the special measuring cups.

City points to 'new data'

Yesterday, the city released "new data" they said highlighted the "strong relationship between sugary drink consumption and obesity."

The data, from a Community Health telephone survey of around 9,000 adults, breaks down obesity rates by neighborhood, and found that nine out of the 10 neighborhoods with the highest rate of obesity were also the neighborhoods with the highest rate of daily "sugary drink consumption," with sugary drinks including "sugar sweetened soda, iced tea, sports drinks and fruit punch."

J. Justin Wilson, a senior research analysis at the Center for Consumer Freedom criticized the presentation of the data as a "study," as it's not peer-reviewed and does not seem to have accounted for any controls — potentially interfering factors such as physical activity or food consumption.

"It's a survey of convenience, not an academic study," Wilson said. "Correlation does not equal causation; this gives no clear picture of what these people are eating, what they're doing with their lives."

New Yorkers who support the ban

While many New Yorkers oppose the ban, some are in favor, including John Crandall, a local chiropractor, who praised Bloomberg as "someone who is willing to take a stand on unpopular issues."

Crandall said that sugary drink consumption is a public concern, because of the burden it places on the community.

"Because of your habits, you end up having heart disease and have to be on Medicare or Medicaid, then your health will be a burden on society," Crandall said.

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▶ The large soda ban brings out strong passions among the people of New York.

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Does the ban affect the poorest New Yorkers the most?

The city has denied that the soda ban disproportionately affects poorer communities, as organizations like the NAACP New York State Conference and the Hispanic Federation have alleged in amicus briefs filed for the lawsuit.

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The federal income poverty level is under $18,000 for a family of three.

According to data from the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy at NYU Law School, several of the Top 10 most obese neighborhoods in the city's study are also the city's neighborhoods with the lowest median income:

Fordham, for example, is the third most impoverished neighborhood, with a median income of $26,382, and East New York is the ninth, with $32,463.

Various Bronx neighborhoods tie for first and second place, particularly in the South Bronx and Northeastern Bronx, the second and tenth most obese areas, according to the Bloomberg study.

NY NAACP President Hazel Dukes has said that "a real solution would address issues like access to healthier foods, particularly in the food deserts that exist in low-income neighborhoods."

In the news

Man grabbed a girl, age 12, on subway train

Cops are looking for a man that grabbed a 12-year-old girl as they boarded a subway train last week. According to police, a Hispanic man grabbed the girl as they both got on a 7 train at the Woodside -61st Street station around 7:40 a.m. Friday. The victim fled the train at Queensboro Plaza. Anyone with information should call 800-577-TIPS.

ALISON BOWAN

In the news

Cops change traffic-crime procedures

The NYPD will now investigate traffic accidents where a pedestrian was seriously injured. Police had previously only reported to traffic accidents where a victim had died or was considered likely to die. Critics said this left many cases with serious injuries, without investigations. NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly sent a letter outlining the changes to the City Council, according to The New York Times.

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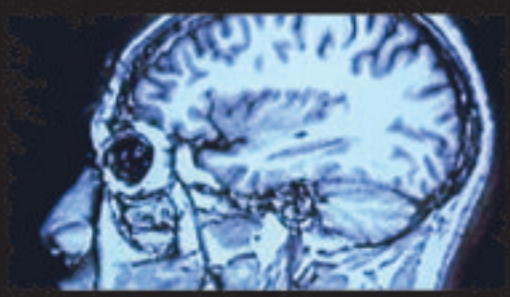

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Cuomo's favorability rating at lowest ever

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's favorability rating has been on a steady decline in the past few months and hit an all-time low in the most recent poll by Siena College. Despite the slip, however, the poll shows he is still popular.

The governor's favorable rating stands at 64-30 this month, compared to 72-21 in December, 71-24 in January and 67-29 in February. Cuomo hit his all-time high in February 2011 with a favorability of 77 percent.

The poll showed voters support the state's new gun law, increasing the minimum wage, creating a system of public campaign financing for the state, enacting the governor's reproductive health act and decriminalizing public possession of up to 15 grams of marijuana. When it came to legalizing casinos, support slipped from 48-22 to 46-23. Voters also slightly oppose fracking now 43-39.

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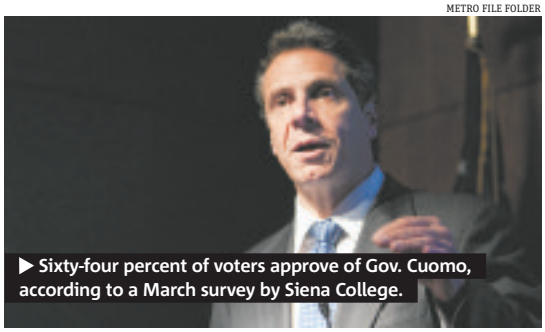

▶ Sixty-four percent of voters approve of Gov. Cuomo, according to a March survey by Siena College.

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Of respondents to the poll, only 54 percent said they would vote for Gov. Cuomo next year.

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Of respondents to the poll, 37 percent said they would prefer someone else won next election.

77
Gov. Cuomo had a favorability rating of 77 percent in February 2011, which was his all-time high.

News in brief

Cops search for Subway robber

BRONX. Police are searching for a man who committed a robbery inside a Subway restaurant in the Wakefield neighborhood in the Bronx over the weekend.

The suspect entered the sandwich store located at 980 E. 233 St. at around 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9, police said. He displayed a firearm and demanded money from a 15-year-old female victim. The girl complied and the man fled. It is not clear whether the victim was an employee or a customer. METRO/LS

Man killed in rent dispute

BROOKLYN. Cops are investigating after a man was shot dead after an argument with a landlord turned violent in the East New York section of Brooklyn Sunday. METRO/LS

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Muslim groups release report on NYPD surveillance

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▶ Protests took place in NYC against police surveillance.

Muslim community members do not feel comfortable in their own mosques after finding out about NYPD surveillance, according to a report released yesterday.

Groups like the Muslim American Civil Liberties Coalition and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund released the report at 1 Police Plaza, accusing the NYPD of spying on the religious, political and community lives of the Muslim community, which they said "creates a pervasive climate of fear and suspicion that encroaches upon every aspect of American Muslims' lives."

A series of Associated Press reports revealed that the NYPD collects documents about Muslims in New York — and even outside the state — that many say are wrongfully spying on the community.

"This report is critically important reading for all Americans concerned with freedom, justice and equality in 21st-century America," said Imam Al-Hajj Talib Abdur-Rashid, who chairs the Islamic Leadership Council of Metropolitan New York. "It is the authentic voice of real people impacted by unjust policies and procedures."

The group said it interviewed 57 Muslim Americans, many of which attended mosques or owned businesses that were directly mentioned in leaked NYPD documents. **ALISON BOWEN**

Report made students aware

One chaplain for a Muslim group said that the week the Associated Press report came out, students avoided the prayer room.

"They felt they couldn't meet in their own space," he said. "The idea of being surveilled, for a 19- or 20-year-old, is a terrifying thing."

The report also notes that interviewees felt they could not grow a beard or wear a hijab, because they feared attracting police attention.

And many mentioned being more careful with their words in religious spaces.

In the news

Giuliani praises Joe Lhota

Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani is campaigning for mayoral candidate Joe Lhota. The former New York Governor penned a fundraising letter that praised him for standing up "to the destructive policies of tax-and-spend politicians who put New York and America in peril."

Lhota, who worked as a deputy mayor under Giuliani and later headed the MTA, is considered the frontrunner to win the Republican nomination. He would face off against the Democratic candidate.

"Make no mistake," Giuliani said in his letter. "If you don't think the city can slip back to its unmanageable, ungovernable ways, just listen to Joe's Democratic opponents." **JESSE GREENSPAN**

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▶ Giuliani

Council mulls over harsher looting fines

Looting would bring a harsher penalty under Council legislation proposed yesterday. At a hearing, Council members suggested the fine for looting should be higher than $1,000. Under new legislation, the fine for looting could reach $10,000 in an evacuation zone. Council members also want to increase fines for trespassing and impersonating emergency responders. The legislation was inspired by reports of looting after superstorm Sandy.

Councilman James Oddo mentioned a father and daughter who died during Sandy because they were afraid to leave their home, which was looted during Hurricane Irene. **METRO/AB**

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US soldiers killed in 'insider' attack

Two American soldiers were killed in a so-called insider attack when a person in an Afghan military uniform turned his weapon on U.S. and Afghan forces at a joint base in the restive east of the country, coalition forces said yesterday.

Three policemen and two Afghan army officers were also killed in the attack, said a senior police official.

The attack took place as a deadline expired for U.S. special forces to quit the eastern province of Wardak, after Afghan President Hamid Karzai accused them and Afghans working for them of overseeing torture and killings in the area.

An Afghan interior ministry official said the attack occurred in Jalriz district of Wardak. It was not immediately clear if it was directed at U.S. special forces.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, who left Afghanistan early yesterday after a three-day visit, raised the sensitive issue of Wardak when he met Karzai.

Afghans are divided over their expulsion, saying the departure of the U.S. special forces could leave a vacuum for insurgents to fill, which would pose a security risk for nearby Kabul. **REUTERS**

▶ U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel greets members of the U.S. Air Force in Germany upon arrival from Afghanistan.

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Insider addition

Incidents involving Afghan security forces turning their weapons on the NATO-led forces have increased sharply over the past year.

Insider, or green-on-blue, attacks have seriously eroded trust between coalition and Afghan forces, who are under pressure to contain the insurgency before most foreign troops leave by the end of next year.

US imposing new sanctions on North Korean bank

The U.S. Treasury is imposing sanctions against North Korea's Foreign Trade Bank, the country's main foreign exchange institution, for its role in supporting Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program, President Obama's national security adviser said yesterday. In a speech to the Asia Society in New York, Tom Donilon also said China should not conduct "business as usual" with North Korea while Pyongyang threatens its neighbors. **REUTERS**

"The United States will not accept North Korea as a nuclear state. Nor will we stand by while it seeks to develop a nuclear-armed missile that can target the United States." TOM DONILON

As Afghan trip goes badly off its script, Hagel opts for caution

It was a harrowing international debut for Chuck Hagel, whose first trip to Afghanistan as U.S. defense secretary went dramatically off-script and challenged the American narrative about the 11-year-old war.

His first full day in Afghanistan began with the sound of suicide bomb attack about a kilometer away from his meetings at a NATO facility. But the real damage came the next day when Afghan President Hamid Karzai accused the United States of colluding with the Taliban hours before the two met.

"I was once a politician, so I can understand the kind of pressures — especially leaders of countries — are always under." HAGEL, ON KARZAI

Put in an awkward position, Hagel appeared at pains to avoid criticizing the Afghan leader in public, even as he firmly disputed Karzai's assertions.

Hagel requested and had a private one-on-one meeting with Karzai where he was "firm and direct" with the Afghan president, a U.S. official said. Hagel declined to provide details of the private exchange.

Asked about Karzai's comments, White House national security advisor Tom Donilon cited "difficult questions" surrounding the transfer of security control from the NATO-led force to Afghan soldiers. **REUTERS**

Cardinals hold last discussions before Vatican lockdown

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▶ American cardinals arrive for the final congregation before cardinals enter the conclave to vote for a new pope.

Cardinals held final discussions on the troubled state of the Roman Catholic Church yesterday, the day before they seclude themselves from the world to elect a new pontiff, with no clear front-runner in view.

Stunned by the abdication last month of Pope Benedict, the red-hatted cardinals have met repeatedly this past week, sketching out the qualities of the man they need to lead a church plagued by scandals of sex abuse and mismanagement.

"Last time around, there was a man of stature, three or four times that of any other cardinal," French Cardinal Philippe Barbarin told reporters, in a reference to Germany's Joseph Ratzinger, who was elected pope within 24 hours in 2005.

"That is not the case this time around. Therefore, the choice has to be made among one, two, three, four ... a dozen candidates. We still dont really know anything. We will have to wait for the results of the first ballot."

Vatican-watchers say Italy's Angelo Scola and Brazil's Odilo Scherer are in pole position. A vote for the former would bring the papacy back to Italy for the first time in 35 years, while the latter would be the first non-European pope in 1,300 years.

However, a host of other candidates from numerous nations have also been mentioned, all of them theological conservatives, leaving the secretive contest wide open. **REUTERS**

The facts

Metro's guide to the papal conclave

Today the cardinals will convene to choose a new pope. How long will it take them? Who are the front-runners? Metro explains.

Will we have a new pope today?
It's extremely unlikely. In past centuries, the papal election could take months. Nowadays it's much faster: To elect Benedict XVI, three ballots were needed over 1 ½ days. Benedict was the front-runner, so plan on more ballots this time.

What exactly happens today?
At 10 a.m., the cardinals gather for a special Mass for the Election of the Roman Pontiff. Beginning at 3:45 p.m., they're transferred from the St. Martha House, the building where theyre staying during the conclave, to the Vatican. Once there, they process to the Sistine Chapel, where they'll pray at 3:45 and begin their first conclave at 5 p.m. They'll vote in two ballots; on each subsequent day, there are two ballots in the morning and two in the afternoon. But, knowing that a long voting process would harm the church, the cardinals will want to unite quickly.

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▶ Nigerian Cardinal John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan

Speaking of front-runners, who are the front-runners this time?
According to the bookmakers, Angelo Scola and Peter Turkson. Scola, a conservative and the current archbishop of Milan, also benefits from the feeling among Italian cardinals that it's time for an Italian pope again. The last one was Pope John Paul I, who died after 33 days in office. But because the church is growing primarily in the global south, and because in modern times there has never been an African pope, Peter Turkson, a Ghanaian, is also a front-runner. Turkson made a name for himself during the 2008 global economic meltdown when he took the financial sector to task for its excesses.

When will we know who has won?
When we see the white smoke coming out of the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. If there's no winner, black smoke will go up around 7 p.m. after each afternoon round of voting, and at noon after each morning round. And don't count on any leaks. Though some cardinals tweet, they've had to surrender their phones for the duration of the conclave. Just to be safe, the Vatican has installed jamming devices in the Sistine Chapel and the cardinals' living quarters.

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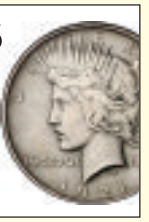

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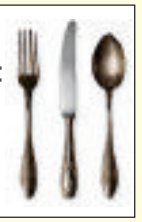

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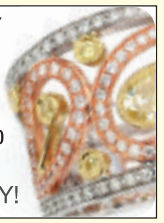

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In the news

Delhi gang rape suspect found dead in prison

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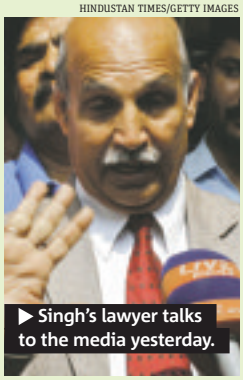

▶ Singh's lawyer talks to the media yesterday.

The man police say was the ringleader in a gang rape on a New Delhi bus in December that outraged India hanged himself in his cell yesterday, prison authorities said, raising questions about jail monitoring and security.

Ram Singh made a noose from the mat he slept on and hanged himself just before dawn from a grille in the ceiling of the cell he shared with three others, prison spokesman Sunil Gupta said.

While there were CCTV cameras throughout Tihar, India's highest-security prison, there were none in individual cells, Gupta said.

Singh's lawyer, V.K. Anand, said his client had been composed and calm when he spoke to him in court on Friday and "didn't have any complaints." Singh, who faced the death penalty if convicted of murder, had not been on suicide watch, Anand and Gupta said.

"I know he had a few complaints of jail authorities torturing him, but nothing that would make him take his own life. We can't rule out foul play," Anand said.

Anand had previously denied that his client was being maltreated in prison. He would not elaborate on the "torture."

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Resistant bacteria could create epic catastrophe

◗ Every operation would become life-threatening in just decades ◗ Antibiotics not improved since '80s ◗ Thousands already die

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▶ EHEC, or enterohemorrhagic E. coli, bacteria are one of many researchers are saying could cause a catastrophe as it becomes drug resistant.

Mutant, drug-resistant bacteria could trigger a global health catastrophe that makes diseases untreatable within 20 years, the British chief medical officer said yesterday.

"Antimicrobial resistance is a ticking time bomb for the world," CMO Dame Sally Davies said in her annual report. "We need to work with everyone to ensure the apocalyptic scenario of widespread antimicrobial resistance does not become a reality."

The report warns that bacteria will soon develop beyond antibiotic treatments, at which point any operation would become life-threatening, as infection could not be controlled. Davies recommends that resistant bacteria be added to the National Risk Register along with threats such as terrorism, and claims it is "as important as climate change for the world."

In Europe, more than 25,000 people die each year resulting from resistant bacteria. That figure looks set to rise with powerful new strains of tuberculosis and gut bacteria such as E. coli emerging.

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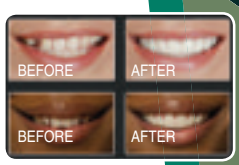

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Former Detroit mayor convicted of widespread corruption, bribery

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▶ Kilpatrick's tenure was marked by accusations of cronyism, nepotism and lavish spending.

Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, once seen as a rising star in Democratic Party politics, was convicted yesterday on two dozen federal charges of corruption and bribery during his seven-year tenure.

U.S. prosecutors accused Kilpatrick, 42, his father and a city contractor of widespread corruption, extorting bribes from contractors who wanted to get or keep city contracts, and turning the mayor's office into "Kilpatrick Incorporated" from 2001 until he resigned in 2008.

Many people in Detroit believe Kilpatrick contributed to the decline of the city, home of the U.S. auto industry. The verdict was handed down as Detroit's financial crisis was nearing a new low, with Michigan state soon expected to appoint an emergency financial manager, a move that could lead to the biggest municipal bankruptcy in the United States.

The 12 jurors, who deliberated for 14 days, returned a sweeping verdict against Kilpatrick following the biggest public corruption probe in Detroit in decades.

Jurors found Kilpatrick guilty of racketeering, extortion, bribery, mail and wire fraud, and tax charges. They found Ferguson guilty of racketeering, extortion and bribery. The most serious charges call for prison sentences of up to 20 years. **REUTERS**

$83M

Prosecutors accused Kilpatrick of steering more than $83 million worth of municipal contracts to his friend Bobby Ferguson, a city contractor, who shared some of the money with the former mayor.

In the news

Endangered sharks gain protection

BANGKOK. An international conference voted yesterday to ban trade in some shark species whose populations have fallen to crisis levels due in part to demand from China, the world's biggest consumer of shark fins for use in soup.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna agreed to ban international trade in the oceanic whitetip, the porbeagle and three types of hammerhead sharks unless shipments are accompanied by documentation showing they were caught legally.

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▶ Great whites were not included in the ban.

Around 7 percent of sharks are killed each year, according to a paper in the Marine Policy journal this year, an unsustainable amount that is threatening certain populations with extinction. **REUTERS**

Heavy-handed censors in China will now endure Ai Weiwei's heavy metals

BEIJING. Dissident Chinese artist Ai Weiwei announced plans yesterday to release a heavy-metal album that he said would "express his opinion" just as he does with his art.

The burly and bearded Ai said 81 days in secretive detention in 2011, which sparked an international outcry, triggered his foray into music.

"When I was arrested, [guards] would often ask me to sing songs, but because I wasn't familiar with music, I was embarrassed." **REUTERS**

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Meredith Engel's take on the world of gossip **@meredithatmetro** **meredith.engel@metro.us**

– Dorothy Robinson will return on March 20.

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jonah Hill is thinking about the future, Emma Bunton is mystified, Marlon Wayans is hitting the road and Albert Brooks thinks his neighbor is pretty influential.

@JonahHill
In 50 yrs, a bunch of 80 yr-olds will know all the words to The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air theme song.

@EmmaBunton
Why are pirates called pirates????

@MARLONL WAYANS
I'm thinking of touring BRAZIL ARGENTINA and URUGUAY end of the year

@AlbertBrooks
My neighbor is using his fireplace or he just elected the pope.

Marlon Wayans

I often mistake "The View" for "The Chew" and sometimes even "The Talk," but regardless, I was a bit surprised when **Joy Behar** announced her resignation from the morning squawkfest last week — homegirl's been there since the beginning. And then, like your little sister who just couldn't stand it when you got all the attention, there was chatter that **Elisabeth** Hassel-a-hack was all like, "Oh yeah? Well I'm leaving too! Hmph!"

In the corner, Joy Behar cried out "No fair!" to no one in particular. But it was too late. Our interest had been piqued. No longer was this a story about Behar, an older woman whose voice reminds me of **Gilbert Gottfried** on a good day. No, now, it's about beautiful, young, blonde, conservative Elisabeth, too. Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!

So who should fill each lady's seat at the table? For Elisabeth, I nominate **Ann Coulter**: A healthy dose of conservative energy draped in a long blonde wig. For Behar, how about a **cockatoo**? It would probably be just as entertaining, and the hairstylist would still get to keep his job.

What's going on at 'The View'?

Don't worry about Rainbow Aurora, OK?

For anyone who wanted to burrow a hole in the ground and stay there forever upon hearing that Playboy bunny **Holly Madison** had named her first child, born Tuesday, **Rainbow Aurora**, fear not! The new mom has taken to her blog to defend her daughter's shiny new moniker. "I'm not worried about my daughter being 'traumatized' by having an unusual name," she writes, because the name was inspired by a former classmate of hers, who "was a perfectly normal, well-adjusted, sporty girl."

This is coming from a woman who thought it would be a good idea to have sex with **Hugh Hefner**, so clearly her head is in the right place. I know pregnancy brain makes you sometimes lose things, but I didn't think sanity was one of them.

Talking points

SJP's toe woes

Sarah Jessica Parker has suffered plenty for fashion — and she has the doctor's bills to prove it. The "Sex and the City" star, known for wearing pricey sky-high heels, claims going more downmarket for footwear ruined her feet. "I did 'I Don't Know How She Does It' and I was very thoughtful about my whole wardrobe and said, you know [my character] could not afford really good shoes, she would go to Nine West or Aldo," she tells Net-A-Porter. "So I got shoes from there and the bottom of the shoes aren't leather, they are plastic, so I slipped a couple times, twisted my ankle. I went to a foot doctor and he said, 'That bone there ... you've created that. It doesn't belong there.' It's sad because my feet took me all over the world, but eventually they were like, 'You know what? We are really tired. Can you just stop? And don't put cheap shoes on us.'"

Jennifer Love Hewitt

Price check: Hewitt's boobs

Jennifer Love Hewitt can apparently put a price on her breasts, at least when it comes to the idea of insuring them as valuable assets. "I need, like, an insurance invitation. If somebody was like, 'We would like to insure your boobs for $2.5 million,' I'd be like, 'Do it. Love it!' Why not?" she tells USA Today. "These things right here are worth $5 million."

Affleck's marriage fine, thanks

While OK! Magazine claims the stress of awards season may be causing tension between **Ben Affleck** and wife **Jennifer Garner**, the "Argo" director says life post-Oscars has been a great time for them. "I've been able to really just enjoy my good fortune in the last couple of weeks and sit back and kind of just take it in and not do anything, just eat ice cream on the couch," Affleck says, according to E! News. "It's been a really nice time to hang out with my wife and that sort of thing, so we're just enjoying it."

Does this mean old Rose won't be there, either?

When the Titanic II, an exact replica of the famous doomed ship, sets sail on the Titanic's original route in 2016, don't expect to see Billy Zane or his family onboard. "I'm not sure that I'd care to risk it. I'm sure I'll get an invitation, though," the "Titanic" star tells People.

How many guys Taylor hasn't written about

1: Ellen Pompeo left the scrubs at home to join husband **Chris Ivery** and daughter **Stella** for an L.A. Lakers game Sunday.

2: It's one! World-famous jilted ex **Taylor Swift** took the stage Sunday at Omaha's CenturyLink Center to rehearse for her RED tour, which kicks off March 13.

3: The Science Museum in London welcomed **Will.i.am** to announce its new STEM workshops for teens yesterday.

4: Steven Tyler bent over backward for his fans at the 10th annual Stuart House benefit in L.A. on Sunday.

6: Selena Gomez, **Harmony Korine**, **Ashley Benson** and **James Franco** got cozy at the SXSW "Spring Breakers" after-party in Austin on Sunday.

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5 Co-stars Lana Elizabeth Green, left, and Chloe Sevigny looked adorable at "The Wait" after-party at SXSW in Austin on Sunday.

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▶ Paul McCartney is seen in a rare photo by Henry Grossman.

Capturing the Beatles

‘Places I Remember: My Time With the Beatles’ showcases more than 1,000 of Henry Grossman’s photographs from his time with the iconic band, most them never seen before

It was just another job for young photographer Henry Grossman when Time magazine hired him to shoot behind-the-scenes images of the Beatles’ first appearance on “The Ed Sullivan Show.” But that telecast ended up being an iconic moment in rock history, and that one-off assignment ended up spanning four years as Grossman followed the Fab Four to the Bahamas and Austria during the production of “Help!”

“I wasn’t a fan of the music particularly,” Grossman says. “I always listened to classical music, opera, concert music, that kind of stuff. But I became a fan of them. They were some of the best people I’ve ever known.”

After shooting more than 6,500 snapshots of the band between 1964 and 1968, Grossman filed his unpublished photos away and never gave much thought to them again. “I was busy,” he says. “I was going to the White House, photographing Broadway shows, political personalities, poets, writers. I put the photos away in an archive; I thought I had exhausted everything that could be done with them.”

Quoted

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GROSSMAN

Publishers Brian Kehew and Kevin Ryan thought differently. After discovering Grossman’s horde, they worked with him to assemble “Places I Remember: My Time With the Beatles,” a collection of more than 1,000 of Grossman’s photographs, almost all of them never seen before.

Besides his photography career, Grossman worked as an actor and Wagnerian tenor, performing on Broadway and at the Metropolitan Opera. He studied with Lee Strasberg alongside classmates like Dustin Hoffman and Elliott Gould. But he still looks back fondly on his years with the Beatles.

“Looking at the photos in this book is like revisiting old friends,” he says. “I thought they were charming, witty, intelligent. As I got to know them, I realized how unique each one of them was individually, and also how unique they were as a group. They were terrific fun.”

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‘Signed and sealed’ deliverance

The Dropkick Murphys’ Ken Casey discusses the band’s latest album While he promises ‘a good, old-fashioned punk-rock record,’ there’s still room for a ballad

How do you follow an intricate concept album? If you’re the Dropkick Murphys you go back to basics. And the result, with the January-released “Signed and Sealed in Blood,” is a rip-roaring Boston Celtic punk classic.

“The previous record being a concept album was very much mental gymnastics,” says Dropkicks co-founder Ken Casey. “It was a great songwriting exercise. But this time we felt like kids in a candy store ready to write a good, old-fashioned punk-rock record. It never would have happened or sounded like this if the other one hadn’t been like it was — or come as quick.”

Right from the foot-stomping opener “The Boys Are Back,” the seven-man band wear their pent-up punk-rock energy on their tattooed sleeves.

KERRY BRETT

▶ The Dropkick Murphys will play Terminal 5 (610 W 56th St.) on Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Go to www.ticketmaster.com for more info.

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KEN CASEY

“It’s difficult writing a song, but when you’re trying to tie all the songs into a larger story, it steers you into directions you might not want to go in,” adds Casey. “This one is a simpler record.”

Simpler doesn’t mean dumb, though. The folky “Rose Tattoo” finds the Dropkicks collaborating with Mumford and Sons banjo player Winston Marshall, where the pace gears down.

“Even though this album doesn’t have a true ballad, we slow it down,” he says, “but without pulling the rug from under the record.”

‘Hero’ returns

Among the hundreds of songs the Dropkick Murphys have under their belt, “Barroom Hero” is a clear fan favorite.

“We’d taken it out of the set,” Casey says. “Then people stared saying, ‘What the hell are you doing not playing that song?’ So, we started putting it back in. It was the first song we ever wrote, even before we started the band. It’s one of those songs that’s always been a staple. You play a song every time for 17 years, they’re either going to love it or hate it.”

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TV watch list

‘Hell’s Kitchen’

REALITY. As Gordon Ramsay’s cooking show enters its 11th round, expect more of the usual: temper tantrums, dinners gone horribly awry and enough drama to fill the season’s entire menu. Wait, is this “Hell’s Kitchen” or Lindsay Lohan’s personal life? **Season premiere, 8 p.m., FOX**

‘Our America with Lisa Ling’

REALITY. If you still haven’t caught this poignant show, do so tonight, when host Lisa Ling explores one of society’s most confounding topics: what drives a person to murder. The family members of some of the country’s most notorious killers are interviewed, including the brother of Unabomber Ted Kaczynski. **10 p.m., OWN**

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As SXSW kicks off today, Metro travels to Texas to check out music you'll listen to for the rest of 2013 Here are the best bets among the obscure and the legends

Every year, thousands of musicians, record labels, fans and publicists from all ends of the Earth make their way to Austin, Texas for the five-day sonic soiree and sensory overload known as South by Southwest, which for the rest of the week you'll see referred to as SXSW.

For the uninitiated SXSW is, in theory, where bands go to make it, labels go to show off their talent, and the rest of the industry goes to latch onto untouched potential. As for me, I'm there to take it all in, write it all down and tell you all about it. While there's no possible way to see every act, here are a few I'm looking forward to.

Chelsea Light Moving

The band's name may seem esoteric, but their leader is one of rock's greatest guitarists. With Sonic Youth on indefinite hiatus, Thurston Moore's latest outfit is far from the delicate stylings of his recent solo records. CLM combine Sonic Youth's atmospheric guitar sounds with artistic abrasions most similar to Moore's 1995 "Psychic Hearts" record. On CLM's self-titled debut, released last week, Moore possesses a newfound angst and seems angrier than ever.

Regionally yours

Amongst the thousands of bands making the Texas trek, there are quite a few from NYC, including Baauer, Black Taxi, Body Language, Caveman, Dead Leaf Echo, DIIV, Flatbush Zombies, Guardian Alien, Hunters Jillette Johnson, The Kid Dakota, The Last Royals, No Regular Play, Phosporescent, Rideout 163, Royal Baths, RZA, Semi Precious Weapons, Ghostface Killah, Upright Citzens Brigade, Vampire Weekend, VietNam, The Virgins and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs.

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Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds

Ten years ago, Nick Cave may have seemed a bit out of place at SXSW. But after scoring three Westerns, including the Southern bootlegging movie "Lawless" (for which he also wrote the screenplay), he now seems to embody the ideal of the dusty American outlaw (despite being from Australia). While his recent release seems more like a solo record than a Bad Seeds endeavor, his commanding presence in live shows is as powerful as a fire-and-brimstone preacher. SXSW is the first of his 20 sold-out American tour dates and one of the hottest tickets in town.

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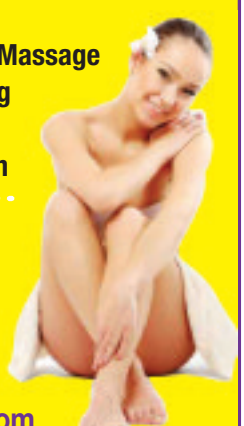

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Generationals

An electro pop duo from New Orleans, Generationals combine guitar and electronics to create blissful textures and melodic hooks that overpower the inherent melancholia lingering in the backdrop. Playing seven shows in four days at SXSW, the band will preview their third and best full-length album, "Heza," due out in April.

Skaters

NYC by way of Boston and England, Skaters will be one of the newest and busiest bands in Austin. Consisting of members of Dead Trees and Dirty Pretty Things, Skaters are one of Warner Brothers' hopes for a youthful rock 'n' roll revival. They're arriving straight from the studio after wrapping their debut LP, slated for an early summer release. There's already buzz around them, based on their free EP, and extensive European and U.S. tours are already booked for spring. Expect infectious guitar ballads that make you move, but also make you think.

King Tuff

While the name may suggest some Studio One dub producer, only the weed smoke links Tuff with Jamaican styles. The pride of Brattleboro, Vt., and one of Sub Pop's latest acquisitions, KT's music is more akin to the haunting acoustic psych sound of Girls, but with a grunge-y energy.

Royalty in Texas

In the past few years, SXSW has become about established superstars staging their comebacks into the public consciousness as much as it is about undiscovered talent. Now that Justin Timberlake has been co-opting Prince's big band setup of the "Diamonds and Pearls" era, it's time for His Royal Purpleness to show JT how it's really done. Prince will reportedly stage an as-yet not totally confirmed club show with a 22-piece band during the festival.

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Gudrun Sjoden brightens up SoHo

- The Swedish fashion designer has opened her first US location
- The new boutique focuses on sustainability, color and charm

Sjoden, in her new boutique, sports her signature bright colored glasses.

The new SoHo location (50 Greene St., 212-219-2510) is filled with colorful clothing and home goods.

COURTESY OF GUDRUN SJODEN

Gudrun Sjoden wants to see New Yorkers embracing green. And red. And blue. And orange. "Often in fashion and in the shops it's just a lot of black and gray," says the 71-year-old designer, who herself prefers brightly patterned garments and neon-rimmed spectacles. "But from my experience, there are a lot of women who want to have colors in their wardrobe." Well, Manhattan, watch out: The relentlessly cheery Swede, who started her eponymous fashion company in 1974, is finally bringing her whimsical designs to the States, with a new store that opened last week in the hottest of haute neighborhoods: SoHo.

It's a bold move for the low- to mid-priced brand. Gudrun Sjoden's Greene Street neighbors include cool fashion favorites like Isabel Marant, Opening Ceremony and Diane von Furstenberg, which stand in stark contrast to Sjoden's colorful, folk-inspired clothing and home goods. Her Manhattan flagship similarly reflects the label's bohemian spirit, as well as its green ethos — about 60 percent of its garments are made with organic fibers. The walls are painted an earthy olive-green and dove gray, and the wooden floors are adorned with hand-stenciled flowers. And Sjoden herself has hand-painted the vintage shabby-chic furniture with birds and other sweet designs. "It will be quite cozy," she says.

Sjoden is not intimidated by the more rarefied stores in the neighborhood. "We have quite a lot of American customers who buy through the website," the eternal optimist says. "So I think it will be a success."

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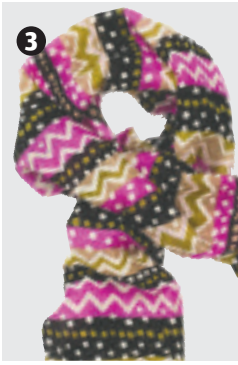
Channel your inner boheme

For her spring collection, Sjoden has taken inspiration from Scandinavia and its folk art. Here's a look at some of the pieces.

1. A leaf on a palm by the Arabian Sea formed the basis for several of Sjoden's patterns for spring, including the one on this gently crinkled split-personality dress. **Sus & Dus dress, $100**

2. Inspired by Scandinavian folk art, this floral dress — made with organic cotton — includes a richly embroidered bib and hand-quilted seams. **Hanna eco-cotton dress, $125**

3. Graphic pieces scattered with polka dots, stripes and triangles harken back to the 1950s — and are made to be mixed and matched. **Ziki linen/cotton shawl, $40**



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How to keep your kids safe online

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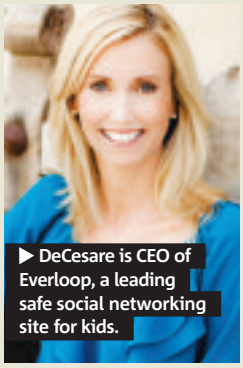
▶ Kids might not understand the implications of what they post online.

Internet safety and digital parenting expert Hilary DeCesare answers our questions about the changes to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act and what you need to do to make sure your little ones are safe while navigating the Internet.

Can you tell us a little bit more about COPPA?
The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act was enacted to protect children under 13 online, and the parents of children under 13 committed to keeping their kids safe online.

Last year the FTC amended it. What are the new rules?
They needed to keep up with evolving technology and changes in the way children use and access the Internet. This includes the ever-increasing use of mobile devices and social networking sites. The amendments, which go into effect July 1, will require operators of websites or online services that are either directed to children under 13 or have actual knowledge that they are collecting personal information from children under 13 to notify parents and get their verifiable consent before they can collect, use or disclose a child's personal information. They will also be required to keep the information they collect from children secure. This information includes geolocations, photos, videos and audio files that contain a child's image or voice.

Last month, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano spoke to the importance of teaching "good cyber hygiene" to today's youth. What does good cyber hygiene mean?
It's also called cyber etiquette, or digital etiquette, and it means acting appropriately online. At young ages, children have no idea what "forever" means and therefore don't understand the implications of what they post online. Unfortunately, if they happen to post this content on non-COPPA sites, the content is out there forever. Some examples of this are posting inappropriate pictures or other media, and posting personal information including full names, addresses, phone numbers, schools, etc. Posting the latter can even result in cyber-stalking, or predators gaining information about the child. Learning good cyber hygiene helps kids understand what is and isn't appropriate, and trains them to be responsible digital citizens.



▶ DeCesare is CEO of Everloop, a leading safe social networking site for kids.

Q&A

What is the appropriate age for children to begin going online?

Every child is different. While some are happy to wait to go online until they are 13, many children wish to get on the Web at an earlier age. In fact, among very young children (up to 5 years old) who use the Internet, about 80 percent do so at least once a week. If children decide to go online at a young age, it is important they respect platform age minimums; for example, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter ask that you be 13 or older to use their sites, as they are not COPPA-compliant. If children are online in an appropriate space, it is good for them to learn how to be a responsible digital citizen.

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Frogs pose salmonella risk to kids: CDC

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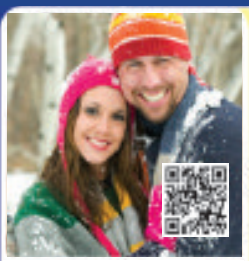

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Small water frogs marketed and sold as pets have been linked to an outbreak of salmonella infections from 2008 to 2011, according to a report issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The report published in Pediatrics yesterday found the infection sickened 376 people in 44 U.S. states and sent 29 percent of those infected to the hospital — mostly children.

"This was the first salmonella outbreak associated with aquatic frogs, and in this case the frogs are often marketed as good pets for kids," said Shauna Mettee Zarecki, the study's lead author, from the CDC's headquarters in Atlanta.

"The majority of people didn't realize there were any risks from these amphibians or other amphibians, like turtles and snakes," she added.

While most people hear about salmonella-contaminated food, Zarecki said reptiles and amphibians also carry the bacteria. Humans can become infected after handling the animals, cleaning their containers or coming in contact with contaminated water.

Previous research has found that reptiles and amphibians are responsible for about 74,000 salmonella infections in the U.S. every year.

"The important consideration with any aquatic pet is to provide adequate filtration to keep the water clean and perform regular partial water changes," said Dr. Nicholas Saint-Erne, a veterinarian for PetSmart, Inc., in a statement to Reuters Health.

Saint-Erne, who was not involved with the new report, added that people with questions should ask veterinarians specializing in aquatic animals or reptiles to help "ensure their pets are healthy and being given the proper care and nutrition."

"If these aquariums are in homes, children under 5 shouldn't be allowed to clean the aquarium," said Zarecki, adding that the rule also applies to people with weakened immune systems.

"Pets are wonderful. We think they're a great learning tool for children, but some pets just aren't appropriate for children or individuals." **REUTERS**

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Salmonella facts

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♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although you are quite intuitive, you should also be able to accurately size up situations using your fine deductive skills. It pays to use your faculties.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Your companions will have an enormous effect on your outlook, which is normal but not always productive. However, today you'll be pleased by the way they stimulate your thought processes.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Achievement is within the realm of possibility, as long as you're both swift and consistent. However, if you hesitate on something, you won't likely get a second chance.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Some unusual information that comes your way might not fit in your present plans, but you may be able to use it on some future venture. Put it in your pocket.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Something commercially beneficial could unexpectedly develop through someone who is more of a friend than a business associate. Be sure to check it out.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Do not discount your mate's flash of inspiration today just because his/her reasoning isn't along traditional lines. It's the concept that counts, and it could be ingenious.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Be sure to put your thinking cap on when at work, because certain ideas of yours could go a way toward gaining points with the powers that be.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** There's a good chance that you'll run into an old friend whom you haven't seen in a very long time. The meeting could be a harbinger of something more interesting and exciting to come.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Even if you don't get off to a dazzling start, the day's end could be quite dramatic, desirable and exciting. It's important to remember that it's the bottom line that counts.
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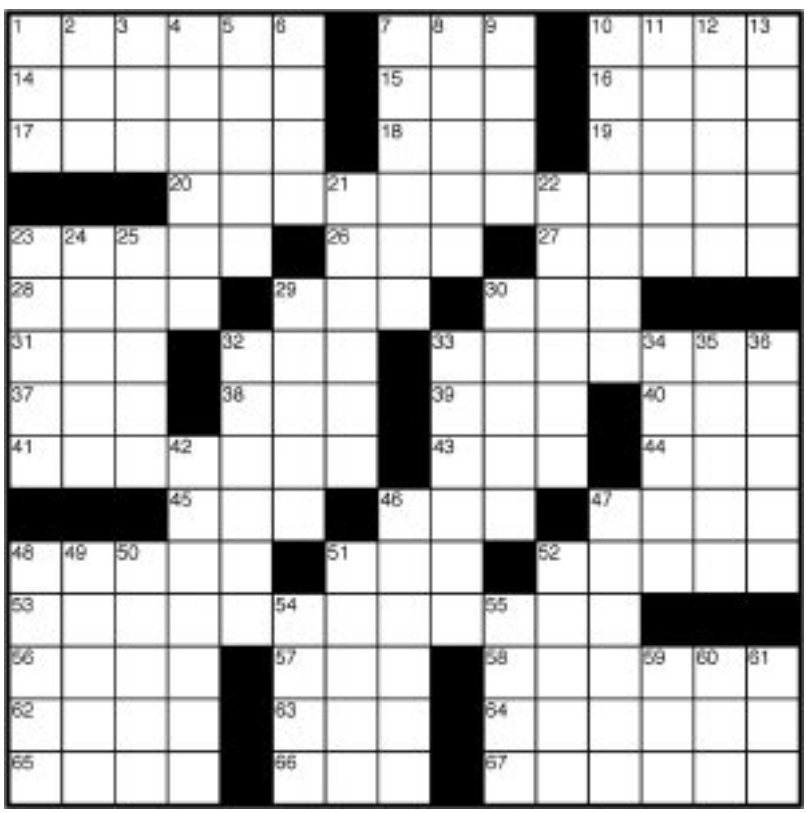

Letters

When we fail, we don't get a second chance

RE: "RYAN SAYS BUDGET DEAL POSSIBLE AS HE READIES HIS OWN PROPOSAL" (METRO MARCH 11) Someday, I want to work a job that shows absolutely no results, and still have Paul Ryan's intestinal fortitude to call 99 percent of Americans not hardworking. The fact is, dating back to plantation owners, we have never valued work in this country, and to equate wealth and hard work is just perpetuating a false ideal. Congress seems content with their failure on the sequester, but that sort of practice does not stand up in the working-class world. When we fail, we don't get a second chance.
PAUL HOWELLS, VIA E-MAIL

A terrible experience on a Fung Wah bus

RE: "STATE SEEKS TO SHUT DOWN FUNG WAH BUSES" (METRO FEB. 25) I am resending this in the hopes of getting published, so people know the importance of why they got shut down. I wanted to express my great happiness after hearing the Fung Wah bus service has been shut down. A few years back, I had a terrible experience with them from Washington, D.C., to NYC. The driver was going full speed the whole time in the pouring rain and was weaving in and out of the lines. I thought it was going to crash. This was the first time I wished I had a cell phone with me to call loved ones, as I was shaken with fear. Justice has been done! **CRYSTAL GERARD, VIA E-MAIL**

Taking pride in the process

RE: "TOM FOREMAN COLUMN, JUST DRONING ON" (METRO MARCH 8) I felt great pride hearing Sen. Pat Toomey stand tall with Sen. Rand Paul in his filibuster to get President Obama to answer the simple question: Is it constitutional to kill American citizens on U.S. soil when they posses no clear or imminent danger, without a trial? We would not expect Sen. Robert Casey to care about the president's answer. Casey seems to be an android incapable of not walking in lockstep with Obama. God bless Sen. Toomey for not backing down.
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▶ Tobias Burger of Big Stuff Smoked BBQ shows us his brisket.

▶ Lebensmittel in Mitte offers old-world Gemutlichkeit in an upscale neighborhood.

Das foodie: Berlin's culinary renaissance

Smoked meats, sweet pastries and rustic stews are just some of the old-world favorites to try when visiting this historic city

▶ Raucherlachs (smoked salmon) at Glut & Spane is served on spelt with a schmear.

▶ Sweet and savory strudel is sold at the Mauerpark Fleamarket.

In a city where communism became kitsch and bunkers are converted to galleries, it's fitting that Berliner cuisine would be full of throwbacks to old-world food craft. The epicenter may be **Markthalle IX** (Eisenbahnstraße 42-43), a large indoor market in the street art mecca of Kreuzberg. Built in 1891, the structure was taken over by commercial supermarkets after the fall of the Berlin Wall. But in 2011, enterprising foodies restored the space to its original purpose, welcoming back butchers, bakers, cheesemakers and vendors like **Big Stuff Smoked BBQ**.

Big Stuff co-owner Tobias Burger smokes his meat in the tradition of Czech and German immigrants who brought the techniques to America. The buns on which he piles slices of dry-rubbed brisket are crafted from a 19th-century Scottish recipe. You'll want a chunk of his 14-hour smoked pork belly on one of these, served "pure," with just a sprinkle of crunchy salt.

Around the corner is **Glut & Spane**, named for the smoldering beechwood shavings over which Michael Wickert smokes his sustainably chosen fish, like salmon fillets and gravlax, which he serves draped over spelt bread with horseradish cream.

Where better to worship the past than a flea market? On Sundays, Berliners head to the **Mauerpark** (Bernauer Straße 63-64) to pick through Bavarian china and '80s-era Doc Martens. Refreshments are vintage, too: In the beer garden, 20-somethings slice strudel next to Turkish grandmothers rolling dough for kebab wraps.

There's also a stand with bacon-laced vegetable stews and, in a nod to their neighbors, Turkish lentil soup. "WIR BENEUTZEN KEINE KUNSTLICH EN ZUZATZE" declares a sign, written in ransom-note font. Translation: "We use no artificial additives." Homemade is the new punk.

Where to stay

Berlin offers plenty of small, affordable rooms for single or coupled travelers — some no wider than the beds they contain. At the cheaper end, in a quiet corner of Kreuzberg is **Die Fabrik (www.diefabrik.com)**, where single rooms start at $50. Bathrooms are communal but clean. Just east of the Spree river but incalculably hipper is **The Michelberger (www.michelbergerhotel.com)**, where $91 will get you a "cozy" room a short walk from a preserved stretch of the Berlin Wall and the majestically minimalist architecture on Karl-Marx Allee.

A quick bite

▶ Leberkase

Berlin's Museum Island is bordered on the east by Mitte, a small, chic neighborhood studded with high-end boutiques. After visiting the Pergamon, stroll over to **Lebensmittel** in Mitte (Rochstraße 2), a small cafe/market serving tightly curated "lebensmittel," or everyday provisions.

A standout (and a steal at under $4) is the homemade leberkase, a traditional Bavarian dish that's hard to describe without invoking its literal translation, "liver cheese" (it contains neither). Probably named for its texture, it's a ground mixture of pork and beef shaped into a loaf, baked and served in slices on a crusty roll. You'll never see people in Prada eat meatloaf with such abandon.

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- Louisville is on the national radar every May during the pomp of the Kentucky Derby
- Three reasons not to wait for the big race

Get to MilkWood

Food writers love this town, and locals are justifiably proud of the exploding culinary scene. The latest arrival is MilkWood, where Southern comfort food meets the far East. It's from Edward Lee, a favorite on Season 9 of "Top Chef." Hankering for something smoked? Try the shaved pork belly. Low and slow? How about two-day cooked veal? Seared in a skillet? He's got a rib-eye steak with lemongrass-habanero sauce.

The intriguing cocktails are grouped by flavor profile: umami then bitter, sour, salty and sweet.

Insider's tip: For a taste of Lee's exquisite Southern cuisine, check out his original restaurant, 610 Magnolia.

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▶ Schnitzel

Germantown

In Germantown, interesting pubs, shops and restaurants are springing up to join favorites like Nord's Bakery. Shop for mid-century consignments and more at Greenhaus. Follow the hipsters to Hammerheads, where duck-fat fries draw a cult following to the basement dive. Finish off the night with a stiff drink at the locals-only Nachbar.

See it here first

Do you think Louisville when you think exciting new theater? You should. Come right now and you can catch groundbreaking new works at the Humana Festival of New American Plays at Actors Theatre. "The festival stages world premieres by some of the most exciting playwrights working in theater today," says arts writer Erin Keane. "Humana plays go on to win Pulitzers, Obies and Tony awards, but on the opening night of a world premiere, Louisville sees them first."

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MOVIN' ON DOWN

Jets departing from usual aggressive draft tactics Source says team exploring trade down Sanchez still on top at starter

In five of the last six NFL drafts, the Jets moved up at least once to select a player they coveted. This time around, the Jets might be adopting an entirely different philosophy.

A league source told Metro New York that the Jets are eyeing options that would see them trade back in the first round, looking to acquire more picks rather than package together a deal to move up in the draft. After a 6-10 season where they missed the playoffs for a second straight year, the Jets have several holes to fill and with a tight salary cap situation would benefit from an infusion of young, cheap talent.

"The Jets have been doing their due diligence on the pick and seem very open to moving out of No. 9," a league source with knowledge of the situation told Metro. The source spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to comment on personnel situations. "There doesn't seem to be anyone at that spot in the draft who can necessarily help them any more than later in the round. This isn't a top-heavy draft, especially in the first round, but it is relatively deep. The Jets seem open to the idea of moving out."

The source also said the Jets rate several players highly who could fall to late in the first round or early in the second round, making a move down from No. 9 more attractive.

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▶ The Jets moved up in 2009 to draft Mark Sanchez. They might be taking an opposite philosophy this year.

Sanchez on top?

Offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg was one of three coordinators who spoke to the media for the first time yesterday, but he stole the show.

"Certainly, you like to have competition at every position, including the quarterback spot," Mornhinweg said. "Mark will probably have just a little bit of a leg up, it would appear."

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Jenkins deal made official by Big Blue

The Giants beefed up their defensive line with a late-Sunday signing.

They made the signing of former Eagles and Packers tackle Cullen Jenkins official yesterday.

"I'm excited," Jenkins said in a statement. "It's been a tough two weeks, going through so many different things mentally, with my family and traveling so much — trying to figure out which was the best scenario. I'm glad that it's over and especially with the Giants."

Jenkins was released by the Eagles two weeks ago after signing a five-year deal with them prior to the 2010 season.

He will help to replace Chris Canty, who the Giants released last month.

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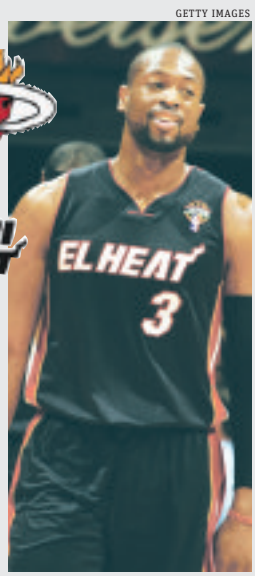

1 MIAMI HEAT

HEAT (47-14)
The Heat have won their last 18 games, or in other words, five more games than the Bobcats have won all season. Miami is also the only team to already clinch a playoff berth.

2 THUNDER (47-16)
Going into last night's game in San Antonio, the Thunder had a nice little five-game winning streak going. It's not 18, but OKC looks good.

3 CLIPPERS (45-20)
If you haven't seen DeAndre Jordan's dunk over Brandon Knight, find it. If you have seen it, find it again. Also, somebody should check on Knight.

4 GRIZZLIES (42-19)
Memphis is facing a tough four-game road trip ahead (Blazers, Clippers, Nuggets, Jazz), but they have quietly won 12 of their last 13 games.

5 SPURS (48-15)
According to Elias, the Spurs suffered their worst home loss since 1997 on Friday, losing to the Trailblazers, 136-106. What's that all about?

6 NUGGETS (42-22)
Winners of eight in a row including a 15-point win over the Clippers last week. Circle Friday night's game in Memphis on your calendar.

7 PACERS (39-24)
They had an absolute choke job at home vs. the Celtics last week, and they were blown away in Miami. Not a good week for the Pacers.

8 ROCKETS (34-30)
It's not just James Harden with Jeremy Lin cameos. The Rockets get big production from Omer Asik and Chandler Parsons.

9 KNICKS (38-22)
How much better is the West than the East? The Knicks' (No. 2 in the East) record puts them at sixth seed out West — and even that seems too high.

10 NETS (37-26)
A relatively easy stretch over the next 10 games could fool people, but Brooklyn is still looking to keep pressure on the Knicks.

11 CELTICS (34-28)
They had two big wins over the Pacers and Hawks, followed by a 79-point showing in OKC. The C's are good enough to roll with second-tier teams.

12 LAKERS (33-31)
They're 16-6 in the last 22 games and it seems Kobe Bryant is averaging 70 points a game as of late. Even Dwight Howard is playing well.

13 HAWKS (34-28)
They have five losses in their last six games, with a game tonight in Miami. But hey, they still have Josh Smith.

14 BULLS (35-28)
Sorry, Chicago, it seems like a Derrick Rose return this season is unlikely. Also unlikely: Winning a playoff series without him in the lineup.

15 WARRIORS (35-29)
If Golden State want to turn their season around, they can start by never wearing those jerseys with sleeves again. Jerseys with sleeves?

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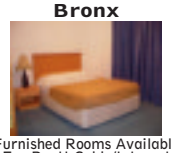

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